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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 7, 10, 14 and 16-32 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 13 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 7, 10, 14 and 16-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 February 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 14-17, filed 1/31/2006, with respect to rejections of independent claims 1 and 16 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of independent claims 1 and 16 have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10, 14, 30, and 16-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

As to claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10, 14, 30, and 16-31, the newly added limitation "the information symbols convey data, and the modulation indices convey additional information in addition to and distinct from the data" is not supported by specification as originally filed. After reviewing the citations of page 3, lines 11-22 and page 4, lines 1-12 and claim 23 that was not in the originally filed application (Pg. 11, Lines 8-17 of remarks), it is unclear that the additional information is distinct from the data since page 3, lines 11-15 simply states "As well as the coded data words, additional control signals can also be transmitted directly by a carrier wave." No information regarding the format

or content of these additional control signals is provided to show the additional information is, in fact, distinct from the data.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 13 is allowed. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As to claim 13, the prior art of record fails to teach a method of transmitting a plurality of information symbols by assigning differing modulation indices to a plurality of information symbols, wherein the modulation index of the control signal is smaller than the modulation index of a data signal formed by others of the information symbols.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Freshteh N. Aghdam whose telephone number is (571) 272-6037. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00-5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on (571) 272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Freshteh Aghdam
April 12, 2006


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